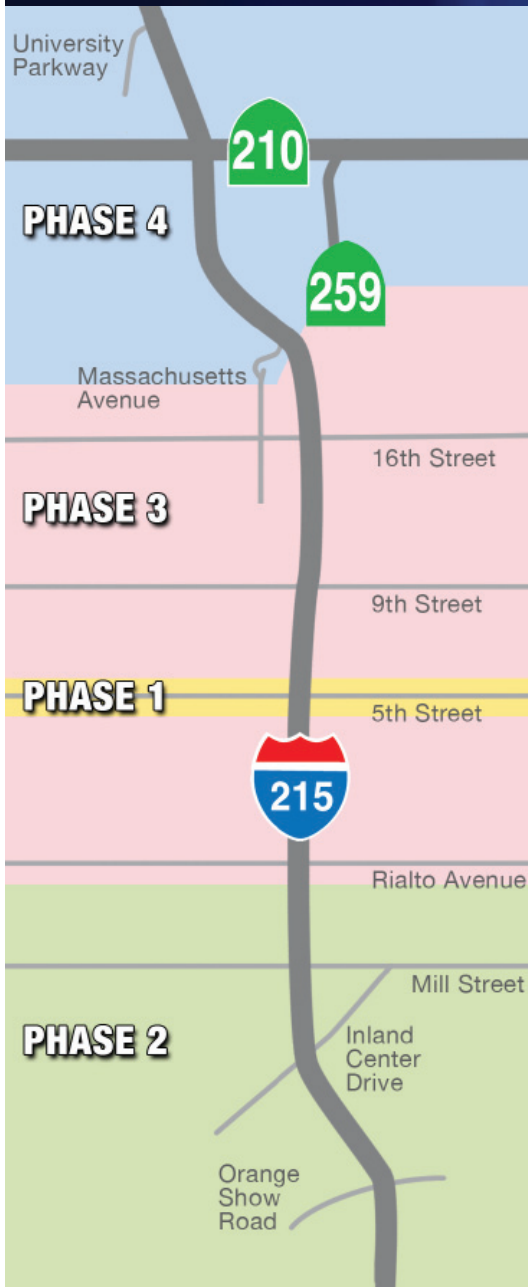




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Bridge Work Continues - 9th Street Bridge Comes Down

Crews continue to work on bridges throughout the project area, with perhaps the most noticeable change occurring at 9th Street. In January, the old bridge was removed piece by piece.

Leading up to the demolition, work began to construct ramps at the 9th Street bridge to prepare for the new larger bridge deck. Until the new bridge is completed, pedestrians and drivers can use 5th Street or Baseline Avenue bridges to access the opposite side of I-215.

Crews are also making progress at the Baseline Avenue and Highland Avenue bridges, narrowing both to one lane in each direction to allow crews to begin construction on the new bridge decks.



Drivers get a first look at I-215 following the demolition of the 9th Street bridge.

During construction, every effort will be made to minimize impacts to drivers and businesses in the area.

Public Meeting Scheduled for Businesses to Learn More About the I-215 Widening Project

On Tuesday, February 9, Caltrans and SANBAG will host an informational meeting where business owners and managers will have the opportunity to learn more about the I-215 Widening Project.

A short presentation will be given on the latest construction, long-term closures, detours, and project status. Attendees will also be able to view 3-D models of the project areas and get questions answered by the project management team.

The meeting will take place on February 9 at 7:30 a.m. at Shandin Hills Golf Club located at 3380 Little Mountain Drive.

As a reminder, monthly business meetings for businesses near the southern end of the project area take place every third Thursday of the month at the Caltrans Annex Building at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino.

Long Term and Permanent Closures



As construction continues on I-215, please note the following closures:

9th Street Bridge – Closed to drivers and pedestrians until late 2010

4th Street On-Ramps – Eliminated and will be replaced with ramps directly on the 5th Street bridge

Southbound I-215 Baseline Avenue Off-Ramp – Closed until the new ramps are constructed in Fall 2013

Northbound Highland Avenue Off-Ramp – Closed permanently and reconfigured with access to Highland Avenue via a collector road

Northbound Highland Avenue On-Ramp – Closed long-term while crews construct the collector road

Open House Displays Future of I-215

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, Caltrans and SANBAG hosted an open house at Shandin Hills Golf Club, giving the community at the northern end of the project area a chance to view detailed maps of the I-215 Widening Project.

More than 100 business owners, residents, emergency responders, elected officials and representatives, school district officials, and city and state employees attended the open house.

Similar to the open house event held in October in the south end of the project area, a 20-foot long map of the project area and 3-D models were on display to give attendees a detailed look at the future configuration of I-215.

Project management and engineers had one-on-one conversations with attendees and answered specific questions about the project that spans from Orange Show Road to the south and University Parkway to the north.

Project highlights include the addition of a carpool lane and general-use lane in each direction, connector ramps providing direct access between I-215 and SR-210, auxiliary lanes to make for safer transitions onto the freeway, and decorative soundwalls and wall treatment designs throughout the corridor that reflect San Bernardino's history.

If you were unable to attend the open house, please visit www.sanbag.ca.gov/215 for the latest updates on the I-215 Widening Project.



New 511 Program Offers Real-Time Travel Information

Real-time traffic information, weather, construction updates, bus and Metrolink routing, rideshare information, links to airports and taxi service—all the travel information you want and need is now available at your fingertips thanks to a new partnership of San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC).

By dialing 511 or visiting www.IE511.org, drivers can receive data provided by Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol, freeway cameras, and changeable message signs to calculate travel times on major highways and identify route-specific incidents and sig-alerts. In addition, 511 offers carpool lane maps, Park & Ride lot maps and information, bus/rail trip planning, and links to construction information.

While IE511.org is a comprehensive one-stop shop for commuter information, one of the

main features is the real-time traffic map. IE511.org has one of Southern California's best and most complete traffic maps, using real-time data generated by the traffic detection loops in the freeway to deliver accurate travel times and Caltrans and California Highway Patrol data for incidents. The map shows information such as incidents, sig alerts, travel times from freeway to freeway, information from Changeable Message Signs (CMS), and pictures and video from Caltrans freeway cameras.

At this time, phone customers with AT&T wireless, MetroPCS, Sprint and Verizon can call toll-free by dialing 511 (standard contract charges for minutes may still apply). However, the AT&T landline connection is in the transition phase. In the meantime, AT&T landline users, or users outside the Inland Empire calling area, can call 1-877-MY-IE511.

What to Expect in February

- Highland Avenue between Mt. Vernon Avenue and Davidson Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction for approximately two years
- Clearing and grubbing near the northern end of the project area
- Rock blanket and wall scapes continue to take form near Inland Center Mall

For travel information dial:
511

Or visit:
www.IE511.org



The I-215 Widening Project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS**.

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